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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 1996, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A check for \$6,728.00 is enclosed, representing the fees for extra claims, calculated as follows:

- After entry of this amendment, there are 316 total claims and 47 independent claim pending.
- Applicant has previously paid for 74 total claims and 29 independent claims in this application.
- As a large entity, the fees are (242 extra total claims  $\times$  \$22.00 = \$5,324.00) + (18 extra independent claims  $\times$  \$78.00 = \$1,404.00) = \$6,728.00.

Amendments

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 99 and amend the following, remaining claims. All of the previously pending claims are reproduced here, whether or not here amended, in an order that is hoped helpful in printing the claims after allowance; that is, dependent claims follow after claims on which they depend.

2. (Not Amended) An automatic production system comprising:
  - (a) a plurality of automatic tools, each provided with a respective tool controller and located so that said tools are spaced apart from each other,
  - (b) at least one workpiece support positioned between a first and second of said tools, and
  - (c) a command controller structured to control said first and second tools to operate simultaneously on at least one workpiece supported by said

**EXHIBIT E**

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